

## **GENERIC PROCEEDING TO ADDRESS INFLATION BASED INDEX**

In Order No. 2003-82 issued under Docket No. 2002-408-C, the Commission ordered the establishment of a generic proceeding. This Order was issued in response to a request of the Consumer Advocate of the State of South Carolina for establishment of a proceeding to define the term "inflation-based index" for purposes of local rates increases under S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576 (Supp. 2002). Also, as part of the Order, the Commission found that the Consumer Advocate and all local exchange carriers presently operating under S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576 shall automatically be made parties to this proceeding without the necessity for their intervention in the matter.

A copy of the Commission Order No. 2003-82 is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at a hearing, if scheduled, should notify Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director, at the address below, in writing, on or before **April 21, 2003**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to **Docket No. 2002-408-C**.

Any person who wishes to present his views to the Public Service Commission may do so in writing, on or before **April 21, 2003**. Please refer to **Docket No. 2002-408-C**.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Procedures, on or before **April 21, 2003**. Please refer to **Docket No. 2002-408-C**.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission by dialing (803) 896-5105.

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